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8. That until the International Chemical Council shall be organized and its Executive Committee appointed, the Committee on International Coöperation in Chemistry appointed by the Paris Conference shall act as a provisional Executive Committee for purposes of organization. Its membership shall, however, be increased by the addition of four members representing industrial chemistry, to be appointed respectively by the Royal Society of London, the Academie des Sciences de France, the Academia dei Lincei, and the National Research Council of the United States. This Committee shall elect a chairman and a secretary; but the latter need not be a member of the Committee.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

AT THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BUILDING

MAY 8, 1919, AT 9.00 A.M.

Present: Messrs. Bancroft, Clevenger, Cross, Leuschner, Manning, Merriam, Ransome, Stratton, Walcott, Washburn, and Yerkes.

Mr. Merriam, Chairman of the Council in the Chair.

The question of moving the National Research Council to more suitable quarters was discussed.

Moved: That a Committee of three in addition to the Acting Chairman of the Council be appointed, with power to act in the carrying out of plans and making arrangements to move the offices of the National Research Council to more suitable quarters. (*Adopted.*)

Appointed: Mr. Walcott, Chairman, Messrs. Cross, Dunn, Merriam.

In accordance with a request received from the American Council on Education, the Acting Chairman, Mr. Merriam, recommended that the representation of the National Research Council on the American Council on Education be increased from one to three members.

Moved: That Messrs. A. O. Leuschner and R. M. Yerkes be added to the representation of the National Research Council on the American Council on Education. (*Adopted.*)

The Chairman presented a communication from Mr. Wm. M. Davis, Chairman of a Committee of the National Academy of Sciences on Pacific Exploration, recommending that a general committee on Pacific Exploration be organized by the National Research Council. In this connection Mr. Mathews, Acting Chairman of the Division of Geology and Geography, reported that the subject of Pacific Exploration had been fully discussed in the Division of Geology and Geography, and submitted a recommendation for the appointment of an appropriate divisional committee.

Moved: That the appointment of a sub-committee on the Exploration of the Pacific by the Division of Geology and Geography be approved; that each of the other Divisions of the Council interested be requested to appoint similar sub-committees; that the chairmen of these sub-committees be members of a general Committee on the Exploration of the Pacific to be appointed by the Acting Chairman; and that Mr. Davis be informed of this action.

(*Adopted.*)

On the recommendation of Mr. Yerkes, Acting Chairman of the Committee of Psychology, it was

Moved: That the Board authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$50.00 for the preparation of a record of war service of American psychologists. *(Adopted.)*

On further recommendation of Mr. Yerkes, presented in the absence of the Acting Chairman of the Division of Medicine, it was

Moved: That the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$300 to further a special study of the intelligence ratings of medical officers in relation to education and professional success, be authorized, it being understood that the sum of \$300 is additional to the sum of \$800 already available for this purpose. *(Adopted.)*

Mr. Washburn, Acting Chairman of the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology reported on the desirability of continuing the Committee on Explosives Investigations.

Moved: That the Committee on Explosives Investigations be continued, and that a conference of representatives of the Division of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, of the Army, of the Navy, and of the Bureau of Mines be held for the purpose of arranging for an annual contribution of \$2000 each from the Army, the Navy, and the Bureau of Mines for the support of the work of the Committee on Explosives Investigations. *(Adopted.)*

The Chairman stated that this special meeting of the Executive Board was called for the purpose of electing a Chairman for the National Research Council for the ensuing year which action had not been possible at the meeting held on April 30. In the absence of Mr. Hale, Chairman of the former Nominating Committee, the Chairman presented the name of Mr. James R. Angell, of the University of Chicago, as the unanimous choice of the Nominating Committee for Chairman. Mr. Walcott

Moved: That the report of the Nominating Committee be approved and that the Acting Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. James R. Angell, of the University of Chicago, as Chairman of the National Research Council for the year beginning July 1, 1919.

(Adopted.)

The Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. James R. Angell as Chairman of the National Research Council for the year beginning July 1, 1919, and the Chairman announced that the election of Dr. Angell was unanimous.

Mr. Cross reported that his resignation as Treasurer of the National Academy of Sciences and ex-officio Treasurer of the National Research Council had been accepted at the Annual Meeting of the National Academy held April 30, 1919, and that he had turned over all accounts and the books of his office to his successor, Mr. F. L. Ransome. Mr. Cross requested to have his accounts as Treasurer of the National Research Council, including the funds appropriated by the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation, audited by expert accountants.

Moved: That the report of the retiring treasurer be received and approved, that with the system of auditing of the accounts now in effect it would not be necessary to have the accounts audited at this time on the transfer of the funds, and that a committee of three be appointed to express in a suitable way the appreciation of the National Research Council of the work which Mr. Whitman Cross has so patriotically given to the National Research Council during the period of the war.

(Adopted.)

Appointed: Mr. Woodward, Chairman, Messrs. Leuschner, Washburn.

The Secretary presented a communication from Mr. Clevenger, Acting Chairman of the Division of Engineering, in regard to the desirability of completing certain war work for the United States Bureau of Mines, and securing financial support and coöperation for the Pulverizing Committee of the Division of Engineering.

Moved: That the Acting Chairman of the Division of Engineering, Mr. Clevenger, be authorized to proceed to Colorado for the purpose of giving personal attention to matters growing out of certain war work for the Bureau of Mines, and for the purpose of securing the financial support and coöperation for the Pulverizing Committee of the Division of Engineering.

(Adopted.)

Mr. Leuschner, Acting Chairman of the Division of Physical Sciences, reported the election of Mr. C. E. Mendenhall as Chairman of the Division, of Mr. A. O. Leuschner as Acting Chairman of the Division during Mr. Mendenhall's absence in London as Scientific Attaché, and of the following as members of the Executive Committee: William Bowie, R. A. Millikan, H. N. Russell, E. B. Wilson, the Chairman, ex officio, the Vice-Chairman, ex officio.

(Approved.)

The Acting Chairman of the Division of Geology and Geography, Mr. E. B. Mathews, presented a report of the meeting of the Division held on May 1 and 2, and announced the following elections:

Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman, E. B. Mathews; Executive Committee, Isaiah Bowman, Alfred H. Brooks, John M. Clarke, N. M. Fenneman, David White.

Moved: That the appointments be confirmed and that the report be approved.

(Adopted.)

The Acting Chairman of the Division of Geology and Geography presented a tentative draft of a resolution for submission to the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff, and the Military Committees of Congress, providing that in the reorganization of the army provision should be made for a number of reserve officers who are primarily scientific experts in physics, chemistry, geography, biology, geology, psychology, mathematics, engineering, medicine, and such other sciences as may be appropriate, and that they be relieved from certain training in order to devote their entire time to research work.

Moved: That the matter contained in the report be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Acting Chairman of the Council in accordance with a previous resolution of the Interim Committee. *(Adopted.)*

Appointed: Mr. Walcott, Chairman, Messrs. Mathews, Leuschner.

The Division of Geology and Geography suggested a survey of (a) the financial resources available for research in existing museums, universities, and allied institutions; (b) the boards or persons controlling the disposal of funds; (c) the discovery of private sources of support, together with best lines of approach.

Moved: That a survey of the kind be approved and referred to the Research Information Service. *(Adopted.)*

Mr. Washburn, Acting Chairman of the Division of Chemistry,

Moved: That a special committee on the Chemistry of Colloids be appointed to undertake the following specific projects:

(1) To arrange a series of lectures on different aspects of colloid chemistry by competent specialists and to make public the fact that such lectures have been arranged for and can be given at any institution or before a meeting of any interested body which will make the necessary financial arrangements with the committee.

(2) To secure the preparation and publication of a text book and laboratory manual on colloid chemistry suitable for use in University courses in this field, both books to be prepared under the auspices of the Committee and subject to the criticism of its full membership and any other experts which the Committee may desire to consult.

(3) To make a research census of investigations and investigators in the field of colloid chemistry. *(Adopted.)*

Moved: That the Committee on Colloid Chemistry be constituted with the following personnel:

Mr. H. N. Holmes, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, Chairman.

Mr. Jerome Alexander, 59th Street and 11th Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Mr. W. D. Bancroft, National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

Mr. G. H. A. Clowes, Eli Lilly Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. W. A. Patrick, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. J. A. Wilson, 203 Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Adopted.)

A letter was presented from Dr. Charles E. Munroe, Chairman of the Committee on Explosives Investigations, relating to the appointment of a committee to arrange for a series of coöperative investigations dealing with the specific heats of explosive materials and recommending that a committee of three members, to consist of the Chairman of the Division, the Chairman of the Explosives Investigations Committee, and one additional member (to be selected by them) of recognized standing as an expert in calorimetry, be appointed.

Appointed as third member: Dr. W. P. W. White.

(Approved.)

Moved: That the sum of \$500 be allotted from unappropriated funds for the use of the Division of Biology and Agriculture. *(Adopted.)*
